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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TENSION IN ZAIRE-BURUNDI RELATIONS

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1. DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION JULY 4 WITH CHIEF OF ZAIRIAN CND IN BURUNDI, HE COMPLAINED STRONGLY ABOUT INACTIVITY OF BURUNDIAN SECURITY ORGANS AND GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO USE BUJUMBURA AND BURUNDI TERRITORY AS FUNNEL FOR SUPPORT OF PRP REBELS IN EASTERN ZAIRE. HE SAID THAT SINCE HE HAS ACCESS TO BURUNDIAN SURETE REPORTS ON THESE MATTERS, HE KNOWS THAT BURUNDIAN AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY AWARE OF EXTENT TO WHICH THEIR COUNTRY IS EXPLOITED. YET, THESE REPORTS NEVER PROPOSE ANY COUNTERMEASURES TO HIGHER-UPS, NOR WILL BURUNDI COMMIT ITSELF TO ACTION WHEN ZAIRIAN SECURITY POLICE DELEGATIONS VISIT BUJUMBURA.

2. CND CHIEF ALSO SAID THAT PERSONAL INVITATION FROM MOBUTU TO BAGAZA FOR LATTER TO VISIT ZAIRE HAS NEVER BEEN ANSWERED OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL MONTHS. WHILE BAGAZA TOLD ME ON
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JUNE 23 THAT TRIPARTITE WAS NOW "FROZEN" BECAUSE OF ZAIRE INDIFFERENCE AND INTERNAL DISTRACTIONS, CND CHIEF BELIEVES IT IS CLEARLY A CASE OF BURUNDI'S NOT WANTING TOO CLOSE AN ASSOCIATION WITH ZAIRE JUST NOW.

3. HE CLAIMS THAT THERE IS A STRONG ANTI-AMERICAN FACTION IN THE HIGHER CIRCLES OF THE BURUNDIAN GOVERNMENT (WITH

PRIME MINISTER NZAMBIMANA ON THE FRINGES OF THIS GRUP),
AND THAT THE SAME OFFICIALS ARE EQUALLY ANTI-ZAIRIAN. IN
FACT, THEY REFER TO MOBUTU AS AN IMPERIALIST STOOGES. ALTHOUGH
THE CND CHIEF CONCEDES THAT BAGAZA HAS GAINED EFFECTIVE
CONTROL OF THE ARMY, HE IS NOT AS CONFIDENT AS I TEND TO BE
THAT BAGAZA WILL PREVAIL IN ANY ULTIMATE TEST OF STRENGTH
BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS.
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